

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

PSYCHOLOGISTS & PSY. ASSOCIATES

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD *AUGUST 15-16, 2022*

Date:	August 15-16, 2022
Time:	9:07am
Location:	550 W. 7 th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99503
Attending:	Dr. Erin Johnson, Dr. Brad McConnell, Sherri Scott, Bernard Gatewood, RLS Lacey Derr, Inv. Jasmine Bautista
Absent:	None

1-3. Call to Order, Agenda Review, Ethics Reporting

Brief Discussion:	The meeting was called to order at 9:07am. RLS Derr proposed to amend the agenda and trade item #8 – Annual Report w/ item #11 – SLEE so the annual report shell could be updated for voted upon during the meeting. There were no ethics reported by members.	
Motion:	<i>Bernard Gatewood moved to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by Sherri Scott.</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Gatewood – Y</i>	<i>Scott – Y</i>
	<i>Johnson - Y</i>	
	<i>McConnell -Y</i>	
Action Items:	N/A	

4-5. License Examiner Update & Investigations Report

Brief Discussion:	RLS Derr read the mission statement and updated the board on current license numbers. There are 327 Active Licenses: 279 Psy., 28 Psy. Assoc., 9 Temp. Psy., and 11 Courtesy Licenses. There were 3 Courtesy Licenses which needed to submit monthly reports and all had been contacted. Inv. Jasmine Bautista presented the current Investigation Report.	
Motion:	<i>None</i>	
Recorded Votes:		

Action Items:	<i>None</i>	
6. Division Update		
Brief Discussion:	Director Chambers & Snr. Inv. Jenni Summers joined to discuss questions the board had on case precedence and determination reports completed by board members. It was recommended the board look at completing a disciplinary matrix for assistance.	
	There was discussion about Telemedicine Registry and how providers should be registered. It was explained that it's not a license so there's no real penalty for not being registered but the bigger requirement of 'licensed practice' is enforced.	
	The board discussed adding telemedicine regulations so there's "teeth". Director Chambers assisted the board in considering ways to move with clarifying pre-doctoral distance supervision through regulation(s). This includes defining "Face-to-Face" and/or greater defining what remote supervision would entail.	
Motion:	None	
Recorded Votes:		
Action Items:	Place topic on next meeting agenda. Board members will review their resources to find any new data out there on whether students are prepared for independent practice and present what is found at the next meeting.	
7. SLEE Grading		
Brief Discussion:	Board entered into Executive Session to grade the State Law & Ethics Examination (SLEE)	
Motion:	I, Bernard Gatewood, move that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists & Psy. Associates enter executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Sherri Scott Second.	

Recorded Votes:	Gatewood - Y	McConnell – Y
	Scott - Y	
	Johnson - Y	
Action Items:	RLS to disperse exam grades to applicants.	
8. Annual Report		
Brief Discussion:	The board reviewed the draft annual report. RLS Derr would enter the final numbers for each of the meeting requirements and for total license numbers.	
	The board agreed the draft annual report contained the information they wanted to move forward. Once Dr. Johnson was able to forward the information from her computer, RLS Derr would update the shell and get to the publications team for final drafting.	
Motion:	None	
Recorded Votes:		
Action Items:	Get drafted version to publications team for final draft and voting in OnBoard.	
9. LPA Supervision Requirements		
Brief Discussion:	The board discussed the challenges psychological associates were faced when it comes to obtaining supervision. The board looked at adding a Certified Supervisor for Licensed Professional Counselors to qualify for providing supervision to LPA's. There was discussion about years of practice required, narrowing to LPC's in the field of psychological counseling and ratios of supervision provided by a psychologist vs an LPC. This included a possible certification for LPC's to supervise Psy. Associates, renewals, CE's up front vs. during renewal and the potential cost. It could increase access for Psy. Associates to gain supervision. The board will draft regulations for stakeholder input.	
Motion:	None	

Recorded Votes:		
Action Items:	Request Dr. Gloria Eldridge from UAA to join the Nov 2022 meeting to review draft of LPA Supervision.	
10. Plan for Creating SLEE Questions		
Brief Discussion:	The board discussed their outdated and limited questions for the SLEE. They discussed having a 2 day work session to strictly focus on reviewing and expanding upon their question inventory. The board will look to have a meeting in the spring with ASPPB help potentially from Alex Siegal on how to proceed.	
Motion:	None	
Recorded Votes:		
Action Items:	Get all questions together for review and each member will take 5 questions to reflect upon and create 5 questions. This will be for the spring SLEE question development meeting in 2023.	
11. New Business/Old Business		
Brief Discussion:	Board member Sherri Scott was selected to represent the board at ASPPB. She will carry forward board questions on PSYPACT, distance supervision, telemedicine, EPPP2, and LPA supervision and bring back the learning so the board can move forward on these issues.	
	The board discussed the need to add regulations regarding telemedicine to support compliance or review of potential noncompliance. They reviewed the Board of Marital & Family Therapists Telemedicine Scope of Practice and felt it represented what their views were and would like to just change MFT language to PSY.	
	The board briefly discussed CE's and their proposed addition of specified CE's. Discussion focused should CE's be required synchronous or allow more self-study.	
Motion:	<p>Sherri Scott moved to amend 12 AAC 60.035(c)(4) Courtesy License to add language to the effect of "license in good standing to practice psychology independently in another jurisdiction with licensing requirements at least equivalent to those of this state." Seconded by Bernard Gatewood. All in Favor.</p> <p>Sherri Scott moved to add Teletherapy Scope of Practice: Services offered by licensees of the board across a distance by electronic means fall within the jurisdiction of the board to the same degree as traditional face-to-face services described in AS 08.63. The provisions of AS 08.86 and this chapter apply to these services. Teletherapy or technology-assisted services refers to the scope of psychological practice of diagnosis, evaluation, consultation, intervention, and treatment of behavioral, social, and interpersonal disorders through synchronous or asynchronous two-way electronic communication, including telephone, videoconferencing, electronic mail, text messaging, instant messaging, and social media. The practice of technology-assisted distance professional services does not include</p>	

	functions or practices that are not within the training required for licensure under this chapter in accordance with AS 08.86.220. Second by Bernard Gatewood. All in Favor.	
Recorded Votes:	Scott - Y	Johnson - Y
	Gatewood - Y	
	McConnell - Y	
Action Items:	Submit information to regulations specialist for drafting and public comment.	
12. Public Comment		
Brief Discussion:	Members of the public Brittany Pope & Rebecca Moon joined to discuss their challenges with completing Pre-Doctoral supervision without the access of local psychologist willing to supervise. It was both economically impactful, impactful to their families, and removed them from their home communities where they provided services. It was requested the board continue to be willing to work with students in obtaining pre-doctoral supervision within Alaska to continue serving communities, remaining with family, and not being overwhelming affected financially.	
Motion:	None	
Recorded Votes:		
Action Items:	Get all questions together for review and each member will take 5 questions to reflect upon and create 5 questions. This will be for the spring SLEE question development meeting in 2023.	

Next Meeting:	November 3-4, 2022
Adjournment:	12:37pm

Submitted by:	<i>Jana Chamber</i>	2/27/2023
Approved by:	Erin Johnson	3/7/2023

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